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Commissioner Bob Stump, Chairman,
Arizona Corporation Commission,
1300 West Washington,
Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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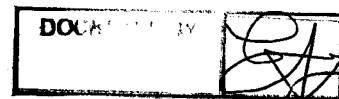
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Dear Commissioner Stump:

This is not the America we were born into! We cannot (and hopefully will not) continue to permit government to treat its bosses as *subjects* and force them to buy health insurance, certain showerheads, unworkable toilets, and non-incandescent light bulbs. And now, state government is petitioned by APS to *force Arizona citizens to accept* questionably-safe, and probably invasive, Smart Meters; the single mandated alternative being to pay \$75 for the "privilege" of *keeping* its presently-installed old-used meters, and \$30 per meter for a single monthly visit by a meter reader. Hey, I'll drive my own vehicle and take that job – gosh, \$30 per meter ain't bad.

And all this at a time when most APS customers are struggling just to pay the *current* bills.

During the 1970's, APS was an admirable utility. It took pride in holding down its rates, and publicly proclaimed its successful cost-cutting methods. Not this bunch of suits. Five seconds after AZ Corporation Commission grants it an increase, APS submits an already-prepared proposal for its next rate increase.

However! Presently there is a growing trend to politically put self-serving politicians and corporations where they belong – out of power. I get around. And, truthfully, I have yet to find a single person who accepts the Smart Meter concept (just two who couldn't visualize what it is). In two grocery stores, three times in one of them, discussion of this subject was overheard and drew a vocal crowd. I'm betting political and corporate "power people" are about to receive a wakeup call from us "commoners". Stay tuned.

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to be "smart" and deny, in to-to, this APS alternative proposal. Actually, those who reject Smart Meters represent a reduction in the number of people who will be instituting lawsuits against APS, and possibly *you*, for upcoming questions of security, privacy, accuracy, safety and *health effects* of Smart Meters. Bottom line, kindly represent us ratepayers who elect to opt out for health, safety or whatever reasons.

Respectfully,

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